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Now's Your Chance: Apply for the ND Board of Higher Education

BISMARCK, N.D., March 30, 2016 – North Dakota School Superintendent Kirsten Baesler said Wednesday she is seeking applications for a pending vacancy on the state Board of Higher Education.

North Dakotans who would like to serve on the board must apply to the Department of Public Instruction no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27**, Baesler said. Applications must include a resume and letters of recommendation.

The application form is on the DPI website here:

<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/documents/124/sfn53472.pdf>

A list of factors to consider in applying for the Board of Higher Education is here:

<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/documents/126/instruct53472.pdf>

Completed forms should be returned to the State Superintendent, Department of Public Instruction, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 201, Bismarck, N.D., 58505. They also may be emailed to Baesler's administrative assistant, Lynette Norbeck, at lnorbeck@nd.gov.

Baesler is chairwoman of a screening committee that reviews Board of Higher Education applications and forwards the names of three finalists to the governor, who decides whom to appoint.

Other members are Chief Justice Gerald VandeWalle; Nick Archuleta, president of North Dakota United; state Sen. Robert Erbele, R-Lehr, the Senate's president pro tempore; and state Rep. Wes Belter, R-Fargo, the speaker of the North Dakota House.

The Board of Higher Education will have a vacancy July 1, when the four-year term of incumbent board member Don Morton ends. Morton, who is the board's vice chairman, is eligible to be reappointed to a second term.

The board oversees the 11 schools in North Dakota's university system. It has seven voting members who serve four-year terms; one voting student member, who serves a one-year term; and nonvoting representatives of the university system's faculty and staff, each of whom serve one-year terms.

The screening committee will meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 2, in the North Dakota Supreme Court's conference room to review the applications.

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